

ENOCH PRATT FREE LIBRARY
Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Wednesday, September 16, 2020
6:15 PM – Zoom In lieu of Central Library

Trustees in Attendance	Not in Attendance	Staff in Attendance
Ms. Adams Mr. Boothe Ms. DeKuyper Ms. Dorman Ms. Espenshade Ms. Farmer, Chair Ms. Gohn Mr. Hillman Mr. Jensen Ms. Jones-Rodwell Mr. Kaufman Mr. Koff Ms. Lasher Ms. Moser Mr. Rosenberg Mr. Scherr	Mr. Aneckstein Mr. Miller Ms. Rawson Powell Mr. Reid Mr. Sarbanes	Ms. Daniel Mr. Estremsky Ms. Fisher Ms. Graham Mr. Jenkins Mr. Krabbe Mr. Lewis Mr. Malveaux Ms. Mange Ms. McCorkell Ms. Monahan Ms. Raabe Ms. Scheuerman Ms. Shimabukuro Mr. Wilson Ms. Zhu

- I. **Chair, Dr. Mychelle Farmer called the meeting to order at 6:17 PM**

- II. **Approval of Minutes of the Wednesday, June 3, 2020 Board of Trustees Meeting**
*****ACTION: The Board of Trustees approved the minutes from the Wednesday, June 3, 2020 meeting.*****

- III. **Ratification of the Actions of the Board of Directors**
*****ACTION: The Board of Trustees ratified the actions of the Board of Directors at the Wednesday, June 3, 2020 meeting.*****

- IV. **Chair’s Remarks**
 Dr. Mychelle Farmer began her remarks with a reminder about the history of the Library and how the citizens of Baltimore voted to accept the donation from Mr. Pratt. Dr. Farmer encouraged the Board to take some time and reflect on what it means to vote, and how to best use one’s voice for the city and its public institutions such as the Pratt. Dr. Farmer informed the Board that this is Hispanic History Month, and was pleased to see that the Library continues to acknowledge and celebrate the diversity of the city. Dr. Farmer concluded her remarks by congratulating Ms. Heidi Daniel and her staff on awards that were recently won by the Library

including two back to back year wins of the John Cotton Dana Library Public Relations award. Dr. Farmer continues to be impressed by Ms. Daniel's leadership and how she and her staff continue to emphasize education, culture, community, and information throughout difficult and ever changing circumstances. Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, Dr. Farmer is highly encouraged about the programs, side walk services, Wi-Fi and other events that the Library continues to offer.

V. Report on City and State Operating Budgets

The City and State Operating Budgets report was included in the Board Book and stands as is.

VI. Public Comment

Mr. Mark Hart expressed gratitude and appreciation for the extraordinary leadership of Ms. Heidi Daniel and staff throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

VII. Adjournment

There being no further business; the meeting was adjourned by Chair, Dr. Mychelle Farmer at 6:35 PM. The next meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for Wednesday, December 9, 2020 at 6:15 pm via Zoom in lieu of Central Library.